

NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION  
General Session Minutes  
Friday, March 11, 2011  
Miller Theatre in Elder Memorial Speech and Theatre Center  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
5000 St. Paul Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** President Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**PRESENT:** M. Adler, S. Alford, J. Allison, S. Bartholomew, N. Bateman, T. Bayne, A. Bone, R. Bork, S. Brown, D. Casey, T. Coe, K. Danek, L. Danielson, W. Erickson, M. Felton, L. Forester, D. Freese, A. Gay, B. Habrock, B. Hastings, P. Heckman, T. Heese, S. Ishii-Jordan, D. Jankovich, S. Jensen, J. Kupper, M. Losey, F. Marymee, L. Mihm, D. Moss, K. Rempp, C. Rice, P. Rippe, K. Rohwer, K. Ryan, E. Scantling, B. Schnabel, N. Schnoor, B. Schweiger, J. Sears, S. Stake, M. Tebbe, D. Vitosh, T. Wandzilak, K. Wheeler, S. Katt, K. Peters, N. Carol Olsen

**GUESTS:** A. Arth, P. Etherton, J. Havelka, R. Hiatt, P. Ludeke, B. Pasco, D. Phelps, P. Spethman, L. Zeller, M. McDonald, K. Fuchser, M. Lundgren, M. Beiermann, B. Gaswick, M. Harouff, K. Kjeldgaard, D. Lotspeich, P. Madsen, N. Rowch, D. Vrbka, T. Parker

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE REPLACEMENT:** P. Bohn, L. Moeller, A. Auten, D. Bird, T. Becker, D. King, F. Helmink, M. Schlieder, and T. VonEssen

**WELCOMING ADDRESS:** Judy Muyskens, Provost at Nebraska Wesleyan

**DECLARATION OF LEGAL MEETING BY PRESIDENT ERICKSON**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2010 NCTE MEETING MINUTES:** Forester moved for approval of the meeting minutes. Seconded by Jankovich. The minutes were approved.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** The January 27, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed by Erickson.

**REPORT ON 2010-11 STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISITS:**

- A. University of Nebraska-Kearney – Rejoinder on 3/11/11 to NCTE Executive Committee; move to approve
- B. Union College – Rejoinder on 3/11/11 to NCTE Executive Committee; move to approve
- C. York College – No rejoinder required; move to approve
- D. Hastings College – no rejoinder required; move to approve
- E. Creighton University – no rejoinder at this time; move to approve

**RULE STATUS REPORT:** No rule action pending at this time.

**PROTOCOL FOR ENDORSEMENT DISCUSSION AND HEARING PROCESSES:** Madsen reviewed the Endorsement Protocol Process. The proposed endorsements ready for Full Council action and representatives available to answer questions concerning these endorsements included:

- A. School Librarian – represented by Dr. Rebecca Pasco; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- B. English as a Second Language – represented by Nancy Rowch and Krista Kjeldgaard; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- C. Bilingual – represented by Nancy Rowch and Krista Kjeldgaard; Wandzilak questioned the number of contact hours that were necessary for the practicum; no other questions were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- D. Information Technology Education – represented by Brent Gaswick; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- E. Instructional Technology Leadership - represented by Brent Gaswick; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- F. Health Education – represented by Tom Wandzilak; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- G. Health and Physical Education – represented by Tom Wandzilak; he explained that the word and was included in the rule section 006.28D so that it reads “motor learning and motor development.” No other questions were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- H. Physical Education – represented by Tom Wandzilak; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.
- I. School Counselor – represented by Donna Vrbka; no questions or concerns were fielded concerning this endorsement.

#### **ENDORSEMENTS READY FOR FIRST HEARING:**

- A. Elementary Education – Tricia Parker, NDE Reading and Language Arts Specialist, reported that the endorsement was now aligned with national standards; and that humanities was combined with the Fine Arts requirement in section 006.20D3a of the rule. Moss questioned the methodologies and the number of hours necessary for the endorsement; Forester responded that the necessary hours were covered with general education courses. Parker explained that the concern should be with the content of the hours needed, not the number of hours that were needed to get the endorsement. Katt explained the difference between field, subject, and supplemental endorsement requirements.
- B. Adapted Physical Education – Tom Wandzilak explained that the Adapted Physical Education endorsement is necessary due to the diverse populations of students. Guidelines were added to the endorsement, as the current endorsement does not include any Guidelines.

#### **EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS INITIATIVES:**

Educator Effectiveness System – Jim Havelka of Havelka Educational Consulting gave a presentation concerning the Educator Effectiveness System Initiative and the effort underway to develop Nebraska Teacher and Principal Standards.

Effective Educator 2020 Summit (June, 2011) – Katt announced the Summit will be held in Omaha on June 7 & 8 to discuss what an Effective Educator will look like in Nebraska in 2020. Participation is limited to 64 individuals; however each educator preparation institution will have representation, as will other stakeholder groups.

NACTE/NSEA Discussion Summary – Katt summarized the NACTE and NSEA meetings held on February 9 and 10 concerning educator preparation. Input from the Standing Committees on what determines effective educator preparation is needed.

## **NDE UPDATES:**

- A. Rules 20 and 24 – Katt explained that there was no Rule 20 update at this time; Rule 24 will be revised in the fall of 2012.
- Rule 21 and Teacher Certification – Peters reported Rule 21 is undergoing updates, with the main changes being:
- Certificate expiration dates will go back to August 31 rather than the birth date of the certificate holder,
  - All conditional permits are being reviewed, and
  - Temporary certificate holders will have 180 days to complete the HRT requirement (rather than two-three years.)
- B. Ad Hoc Update – Madsen detailed the progress of endorsements under review.
- Endorsements in Process – June NCTE First Hearing (Tentatively):
    - Superintendent – to be presented at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting.
    - Principal – to be presented at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting.
    - School Psychologist – to be presented at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting; under consideration will be to change the endorsement from a special services certificate to a teaching certificate.
  - Endorsement Pending Continuing Discussion:
    - Special Education – Mild/Moderate, Behaviorally Disordered, Learning Disabled – a generalist endorsement is needed for the initial Special Education teacher. The Executive Committee proposed having a large Special Education meeting encompassing all areas to be held in the spring of 2011.
    - Special Education – Deaf or Hard of Hearing – discussion still ongoing.
  - Endorsements for Upcoming Review:
    - Language Arts Endorsements (including Language Arts, English, Speech, Theatre, Speech and Theatre, Journalism and Communications, Reading and Writing, and Reading Specialist) planned for the summer of 2011 (tentative date June 21.)
    - Other endorsements to be reviewed as the budget allows include all natural science areas, mathematics, curriculum supervisor, and speech-language pathologist.
    - Middle Grades will have new national standards in 2012, so the Middle Grades endorsement review will be held after the national standards are in place.
- C. Excellence in Teaching Act – Lotspeich reported that LB333 affects both the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program (AETP) and Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP). If passed, there will be \$225,000 available for AETP and the EETP will not be funded for the next two years. At this point it is contingent upon budget considerations by the legislature.

**NCTE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Erickson recognized Joe Allison and N. Carol Olsen upon their retirements from NCTE, with both receiving certificates of appreciation.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Erickson reported that Becky Schnabel has been nominated for president and Doreen Jankovich for vice president. Nominations are still open, with voting taking place at the June NCTE meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Katt reported the following visitations and folio reviews –

- A. Hastings College NCATE visitation April 3-5, 2011

- B. Creighton University NCATE visitation April 9-13, 2011
- C. Folio Reviews – Fall, 2011:
  - 1. Doane College – September 15, 2011
  - 2. Chadron State College – November, 2011
  - 3. Concordia University – November, 2011

**LUNCH BREAK FROM 11:45 – 12:30** in the Story Student Center.

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS** 12:35 – 2:20 p.m.

**SECOND GENERAL SESSION:** Reconvened at 2:25 p.m. with Standing Committee Reports.

- A. Graduate Committee Report: Jankovich reported that the Graduate Committee moved the School Librarian endorsement forward for Roll Call vote, and recommended the NCTE General Assembly engage in discussion concerning the Preschool definition before moving the School Counselor endorsement forward. There is a need for clarification in determining what age range PK represents in the endorsement. Moss questioned if PK means Birth to Kindergarten, or ages 3-5? Erickson replied that this needs more study. Jankovich proposed getting more clarification and reviewing the endorsement at the June meeting.
- B. Undergraduate Committee Report: Bone reported that there were five (5) endorsements approved  
for full council action (roll call vote):
  - 1. English as a Second Language
  - 2. Bilingual (after discussion and approval to delete the “PK-12” grade level and insert a “P” before the K so that it reads “PK-6” as a grade level for the endorsement).
  - 3. Health Education
  - 4. Health and Physical Education
  - 5. Physical EducationBone also reported that the Elementary Education endorsement and Adapted Physical Education endorsement are ready for presentation to the full council at the June meeting.
- C. Certification Committee Report: Adler reported that two (2) endorsements were approved for full council action (roll call vote):
  - 1. Information Technology Education
  - 2. Instructional Technology LeadershipAdler also reported that possible changes to Rule 21 were discussed.
- D. Results of Full Council action on the Eight (8) Endorsements:  
These eight endorsements and the roll call vote results are:
  - 1. School Librarian – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 2. English as a Second Language – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 3. Bilingual – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 4. Information Technology Education – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 5. Instructional Technology Leadership – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 6. Health Education – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 7. Health and Physical Education – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval
  - 8. Physical Education – roll call vote approved; move to Board approval

- E. Program Approval: The Executive Committee recommended that Union College, University of Nebraska-Kearney, York College, Creighton University, and Hastings College educator preparation programs be approved and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for State Board of Education approval. Roll call vote. Approved.
- F. Erickson thanked Nebraska Wesleyan for their hospitality for sponsoring the NCTE meeting.
- G. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.